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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA AT SAN JOSE MEETING

1. MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER EMILIO RABASA CAPPED OFF HIS THREE-DAY STAY AT THE OAS MEETING OF PLENIPOTENCIARIES TO REFORM THE RIO TREATY IN SAN JOSE WITH A PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 23 AT WHICH TIME HE ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WERE 14 FIRM VOTES FOR A FREEDOM OF ACTION FORMULA ON CUBA SANCTIONS. EXCEPT FOR A BRIEF APPEARANCE, HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMAL RIO TREATY MEETINGS. HE LEFT FOR MEXICO ON JULY 24.

2. RABASA EMBELISHED HIS CUBA SANCTIONS ANNOUNCEMENT BY NOTING, ACCORDING TO LOCA MEDIA, THAT "THE COUNTRIES WILL BE AT LIBERTY, WITHOUT VIOLATING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIAR, TO ESTABLISH NOR NOT (TO ESTABLISH) RELATIONS

WITH CUBA ONE MINUTE AFTER THE ACCORD IS ACHIEVED IN SAN JOSE, WHICH ONCE AGAIN WILL CONVERT ITSELF INTO AN HISTORIC CAPITAL." HE DESCRIBED THE BLOCKADE OF CUBA S A "MALIGNANT FISTULA THAT IS NECESSARY TO CUT AWAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." THE FOREIGN MINISTER AFFIRMED THAT THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION WOULD MEET JULY 29 OR 30, EMPHASIZING THAT SAN JOSE WOULD NOT BE ANOTHER QUITO.

3. RABASA CHARACTERIZED THE CONFERENCE AS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING TO BRING THE TREATY UP TO DATE, AND TO MAKE IT MORE FLUID AND DYNAMIC. HE IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN A GOOD DEAL OF PROGRESS ON REFORM, BUT THAT MEXICO IS "NOT TOTALLY SATISFIED."

4. RABASA'S REPORTED RESPONSES ON OTHER SUBJECTS:

A. SELA: "...AN ENTITY TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRIES FROM THE TRANSNATIONALS, TO LOOK FOR BENEFITS IN PRICES, RAW MATERIALS, AND FORMATION OF LATIN AMERICAN COMPANIES."

B. PANAMA CANAL: MEXICO WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PANAMA..."WE HAVE MANIFESTED OUR TOTAL SOLIDARITY TO GENERAL TORRIJOS."

C. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND THE UN SECRETARY-GENERALSHIP: ECHEVERRIA HAS NOT PROPOSED HIMSELF AS CANDIDATE, SOME COUNTRIES AND INSTRUEMNTAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE.

5. AT LUNCH JULY 23 WITH PRESIDENT ODUBER AND FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO, THE OAS, ECHEVERRIA.S CANDIDACY FOR THE UN SECRETARY-GENERALSHIP, AND THE PURCHASE OF FERTICA BY THE CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WERE REPORTEDLY THE SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION.

6. COMMENT: "LA NACION" SUMMED UP RABASA'S ROLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN THE SAN JOSE CONFERENCE AS FOLLOWS:
"HE ARRIVED, DID HIS THING, GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE, AND TODAY LEAVES." WE CONCUR.
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